

Agency calls off boycott of X-rated games

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle's Office for Women's Rights has decided it won't seek a boycott of stores selling X-rated video games after all.

The announcement followed a Wednesday meeting at which Mayor Charles Royer's attorney said it was "not appropriate" for a government agency to promote boycotts.

"I don't think city resources ought to be used to ... spearhead a boycott,

(although) a boycott may be an appropriate response for private groups and individuals to counteract this kind of scum," said Bruce Hilyer, the mayor's attorney.

Donna Stringer-Moore, director of the Office for Women's Rights, said she would issue a letter today saying her office "is not an advocate for any particular strategy" regarding the games.

A call last week for a boycott was sparked by three "adult" video games, which are scheduled to go on sale next week in at least one Seattle store.

The games — "Custer's Revenge," "Beat 'Em and Eat 'Em" and "Bachelor Party" — depict a variety of sex acts. "Custer's Revenge," for instance, shows a figure having intercourse with an Indian woman.

Last week, Ms. Stringer-Moore sent 150 letters on city stationery calling for a boycott of retailers that carry any products by American Multiple Industries, the Los Angeles firm that manufactures the games.

The games have drawn fire from women's groups and Native American organizations, which label them as racist and sexist.